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1. Old air raid shelters in Sofia are being cleaned and repaired and some new shelters have been built. The cleaning of old air raid shelters was supposed to have been completed in 1950, but was actually concluded only recently. Cleaning of the shelters and some of the repairs are handled by civilians.
2. Two large shelters are located at Boyana and at Pancharevo. These were built originally by the Germans and have been enlarged and renovated.
3. Two large new air raid shelters have been built under the Communist Party building at Vrapcha and Paris Streets and at 9 September Square. These two shelters are connected by means of a tunnel.
4. An entrance card is required in order to use the shelters in an emergency. To secure such a card, a Bulgarian must give the following information:
  - a. Name and address;
  - b. Place and date of birth;
  - c. Relatives in Bulgaria and abroad;
  - d. Occupation and qualifications for other types of work;
  - e. Participation in various organizations;
  - f. Names of family members who have been tried in People's Courts; and
  - g. Political beliefs and activities.
5. The process of getting an entrance card is most complex and sometimes takes over an hour. Even Army officers are required to go through this process and are punished upon failure to do so.

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